The One NC Fund provides financial assistance, through local governments, to attract business projects that will stimulate economic activity and create new jobs in the state. Companies receive no money up front and must meet job creation and investment performance standards to qualify for grant funds. These grants also require and are contingent upon local matches.

"Like so many companies that have taken a look at North Carolina, LSA discovered exactly what they needed to get this project off the ground: a skilled, educated workforce and a business climate that is second to none," said Rep. Angela Bryant, of Rocky Mount.

"Having quality jobs are our number one priority. Our investment in education and infrastructure has built a topflight workforce in Halifax County," said Senator Ed Jones, of Enfield. "Without the Golden Leaf Foundation, One North Carolina Fund and other economic development partners, we could not have been instrumental in attracting companies like LSA America, Inc."

North Carolina continues to have a top-ranked business climate. Through Gov. Perdue's JobsNOW initiative, the state works aggressively to create jobs, train and retrain its workforce, and lay the foundation for a strong and sustainable economic future.

Through use of the One NC Fund, more than 50,000 jobs and \$9 billion in investment have been created since 2001. Other partners that helped with this project include: the N.C. Department of Commerce, N.C. Community Colleges, the Small Business and Technology Development Center (SBTDC), the N.C. Rural Center, the Halifax County Economic Development Commission, Halifax County Business Horizons, Halifax County, the Town of Littleton, the Halifax-Northampton Regional Airport Authority and North Carolina's Northeast Commission.

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